



## Mayor Dan Klein, City of Crown Point 21st Century Recycling— Make a Pledge to Our Future

The City of Crown Point is introducing an innovative program to increase household recycling and reduce the amount of trash households set out at the curb. The City's "21st Century Recycling" program asks Crown Point residents to adopt simple household practices that will significantly reduce the amount of trash generated. Participation in this program is purely voluntary.

The "21st Century Recycling" program requires participating households to make a "Pledge to Our Future." This pledge is a commitment to engage in the following practices:

- Sort all recyclables from trash and place in a new and larger recycling container for weekly collection;
- Extend the usable life of household appliances, furniture, clothing, electronics, and other items by donating them to community resale shops, selling them at garage sales, or giving them to friends or family members who can continue to use them;
- Purchase reusable or refillable household products rather than one-time-use disposable (non-recyclable) products;
- Replace at least two incandescent light bulbs with longer-lasting and more efficient fluorescent "twist bulbs" in overhead lighting fixtures, lamps, or outdoor light fixtures; and,
- Mulch grass clippings by "leaving the clippings on the lawn" instead of bagging grass for collection with trash.

The "21st Century Recycling" program is a purely voluntary program. ***Households that make the "Pledge to Our Future" will receive a 65-gallon, wheeled recycling container to accommodate their increased recycling volume.*** The State of Indiana has provided the City with Recycling Grant funds to purchase these recycling containers. As a condition of the Recycling Grant, the City of Crown Point must retain ownership of the recycling containers. This means that "21st Century Recycling" program households that withdraw from the program, do not follow program requirements, or move outside the City of Crown Point cannot keep the recycling containers.

***Due to limited resources, only approximately 2,000 households may participate in the "21st Century Recycling" program. If your household is interested, do not delay — please complete the application form on the reverse side. The deadline for submitting a completed application is April 16, 2007.***

If you have questions, contact the "21st Century Recycling" program coordinator, Jeanann Georgas Ficker. She is available to answer questions Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM at (219) 663-8526.

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## 21st Century Recycling—Application Form

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(All participants must reside within the City of Crown Point and be currently serviced by the City's residential curbside recycling program.)

Number of Adults residing in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (under age 18) residing in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

(In order to reduce the amount of paper used by the "21st Century Recycling" program, the City intends to distribute program information and updates electronically. )

***Please return the "21st Century Recycling" application form by April 16, 2007.  
You may return it with your water and sewer bill payment or drop off at the Mayor's Office.***

***NOTE: The City will not share household personal information or e-mail addresses with outside parties.  
The City will provide Allied Waste with addresses only to ensure recycling collection quality.***

### ***"Pledge to Our Future"***

I am pleased to make my household's "Pledge to the Future" to reduce the amount of trash we generate. On behalf of this household, I pledge that all residents will commit to the following waste reduction practices:

- Sort all recyclables from trash and place in the larger recycling container for weekly collection;
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- Purchase reusable or refillable household products rather than one-time-use disposable products;
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- Mulch grass clippings instead of bagging grass for collection with trash.

I understand that this is a voluntary waste reduction program. I also understand that my household will be provided with a City-owned larger, wheeled recycling container for use in the weekly recycling program. I also understand that if, at any time, my household wishes to withdraw from the "21st Century Recycling" program, we may do so by simply notifying the City at (219) 662-3240. I further understand that if my household withdraws from or does not follow the commitments of the "21st Century Recycling" program, the City may reclaim its container.

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Signature of Adult Member of Household

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Date